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SUBJECT: PEKING CRITICIZES SOVIET ACTIVITY AT CHITTAGONG

1. AN NCNA ARTICLE OF DEC 27 REPORTED THAT THE "HANGING ON" OF A SOVIET NAVAL FORCE IN CHITTAGONG ON THE PRETEXT OF CLEARING THE HARBOR HAS AROUSED INDIGNATION AMONG THE "BENGALI PEOPLE." THE ARTICLE NOTED THAT THE SOVIET NAVAL FORCE OF 28 VESSELS AND OVER 1,000 OFFICERS AND MEN HAD BEEN IN CHITTANONG SINCE APRIL 1972. QUOTING NEW DELHI AND DACCA JOURNALS, NCNA INDICATED THAT THE SOVIT INTENTION WAS TO ESTABLISH A NAVAL BASE IN THE BAY OF BENGAL.

2. THE ARTICLE ALSO CITED A STATEMENT FROM THE CENTRAL COM-

MITTEE OF "THE COMMUNIST PARTY (M-1) OF EAST BENGAL" ATTACKING THE SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN CHITTAGONG. THIS, WE BELIEVE, IS THE FIRST REFERENCE IN PEKING MEDIA TO THE MAOIST GROUP IN EAST BENGAL SINCE THE INDO-PAK WAR. INTERESTINGLY, THERE WAS NO

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CRITICISM IN THE ARTICLE OF EITHER THE BANGLADESH OR INDIAN

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